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Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING SUTURE WIRES INTO TISSUE FOR THE APPROXIMATION AND TENSIONING OF TISSUE

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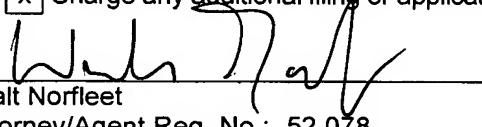
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.